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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - LIBYAN CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF : TRIPOLI 1593

1. ACTION: EMBASSY MAY ADVISE LIBYANS THAT FLIGHT IS
CLEARED, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 BELOW.
LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON SHOULD ARRANGE LANDING
CLEARANCE AT DOBBINS PER PARA 4. RE PARA 5, EMBASSY
SHOULD ASCERTAIN FROM LARG WHETHER LIBYANS WILL VISIT
ANY USG OFFICES DURING TRIP, AND IF SO, INFORM DEPT. WE
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WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PASSENGER AND CREW MANIFEST.

2. FYI ONLY: NO FORMAL AIRSPACE CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED
FOR LIBYAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO ENTER U.S. AIRSPACE.
EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ADVISE THE LIBYANS OF
THIS, BECAUSE SUCH CLEARANCE REQUESTS PROVIDE INDICATIONS

REGARDING LIBYAN ACTIVITIES IN THE U.S. EMBASSY'S STANDARD RESPONSE TO AIRSPACE CLEARANCE REQUESTS SHOULD BE THAT IT WILL ARRANGE AIRSPACE CLEARANCES. EMBASSY SHOULD NOTIFY DEPT OF PROPOSED FLIGHT WITH AS MANY DETAILS OF ITINERARY AND MANIFEST AS POSSIBLE, AND DEPT WILL ADVISE WHEN LIBYANS MAY BE INFORMED THEY HAVE CLEARANCE. END FYI.

3. FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR U.S. AIRSPACE REQUIRES THAT:

(A) FLIGHT OF AIRCRAFT IN U.S. AIRSPACE MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 91 OF U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS;

(B) AIRCRAFT MUST ENTER AND DEPART U.S. TERRITORY THROUGH AIRPORT OF ENTRY;

(C) FLIGHT MAY NOT OPERATE IN U.S. FOR COMPENSATION OR HIRE WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM U.S. CAB.

4. LANDING CLEARANCES, IF NEEDED, ARE GIVEN BY AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO OPERATOR. ONLY U.S. CIVIL AIRPORTS REQUIRING FORMAL ADVANCE PERMISSION ARE THOSE OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY AUTHORITY. OPERATOR MAY APPLY DIRECT TO PORT AUTHORITY. U.S. MILITARY BASES REQUIRE PERMISSION OF APPROPRIATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT. DEPT (EB/OA/AVP) WILL GUIDE LIBYAN EMBASSY/ WASHINGTON AT LATTER'S REQUEST. IN VIEW OF LIMITED NON-MILITARY FACILITIES AT LAJES AFB ("LODGES", REFTTEL) AND AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATE FACILITIES FOR PLANNED CONFIDENTIAL

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FLIGHT, USG CANNOT APPROVE REQUEST FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT TRANSIT STOP AT LAJES.

5. FAA/WASHDC RECEIVED MESSAGE DIRECT FROM LIBYAN DGCA ASKING CLEARANCE FOR 29 DEC FLIGHT TRIPOLI-LISBON-SHANNON-KEFLAVIK-GANDER-DULLES-OKLAHOMA CITY-LOS ANGELES-DOBBINS AFB-MARIETTA GA. WE ASSUME THIS IS SAME FLIGHT. FAA WILL RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO FLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUEST.

6. LOCKHEED WASHINGTON CONFIRMS THAT JETSTAR WILL BE GOING TO AIRRESEARCH FOR MAINTENANCE/OVERHAUL AND EXPECTS AIRCRAFT TO REMAIN AT LOS ANGELES FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. FIRM UNDERSTANDS ONE PASSENGER IS A MAJOR AL-YAZZI (YAZUGI?), WHOM LOCKHEED EXPECTS TO MEET WITH LOCKHEED-GEORGIA AFTER JAN 3 TO DISCUSS INTERIOR LAYOUT OF NEW JETSTAR II. LOCKHEED-MARIETTA FACILITY IS COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN UNTIL AFTER JAN 3.

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